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What do "M1" and "M2" mean?

M1 and M2 are Slashdot shorthand for "moderation" and "metamoderation," respectively. We also use these with suffixes. For example, if you see the term "M2ed," it means "metamoderated." Likewise, the term "M1er" means "Moderator."

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What is metamoderation?

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Metamoderation is a second layer of moderation. It seeks to address the issue of unfair moderators by letting "metamoderators" (any logged-in Slashdotter) "rate the rating" of ten randomly selected comment posts. The metamoderator decides if the moderator's rating was fair, unfair, or neither.

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Why was metamoderation started?

Metamoderation began as an experiment to see if the primary moderation system (M1) was actually working. Now, it helps us to remove bad moderators from the M1 eligibility pool.

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How can I metamoderate?

If you're logged in, you can meta-moderate. You should see a link at the top of the main page that says "Have you Meta Moderated Today?" Click that link, and you should be taken to the M2 page.

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How often can I M2?

Once per day, GMT.

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How does M2 affect the moderator's karma?

This is a fairly complicated thing. Depending on some randomness, the moderator's karma and a couple of other factors, a particular instance of meta-moderation may or may not change a moderator's karma score.

(We realize that's not much of an answer. If you're really, *really* interested, read the code.)

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How often do moderations appear for M2?

As many times as possible during the 14 days between when it is posted, and when the story is archived.

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Why are there duplicate comments?

Remember, M2 rates the moderations, not the comments. If the same comment was moderated more than once, it may appear several times to a meta-moderator in order to rate the different moderations that have been applied to it.

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Why isn't there a link to M2 on my index.pl?

There seems to be a bug in the Slashcode that prevents the appearance of the M2 link if you've never M2ed. It will also not appear if you aren't logged in. To meta-moderate, log in and head to </metamod.pl>. After that, the link should appear on the top of your index page.

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How should I M2 if the moderator called it "Insightful" and I think it should be "Informative"?

This comes under the general category of "don't sweat the small stuff." "Interesting" and "Insightful" will have the same effect on the comment, and the difference between the two is basically just a judgment call. Rate the moderation "Fair," and move on.

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Can I post to stories I'm M2ing?

Yes. The posting restriction only applies to M1.

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Does M2 affect my karma?

Maybe. If you have relatively little karma, there is a possibility of getting some karma for your efforts. However you won't be able to get enough karma to get the +1 [[See Related](#)]. That can only be earned by posting comments and getting moderated up. This is to encourage people to M2, but not let them abuse it.

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